

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as being indefinite due to insufficient antecedent basis.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to delete "lamination roll" and substitute "semi-belt" therefore. The lamination roll is formed by compression of the semi-belts as disclosed in the specification, page 6, lines 6-8. Also, throughout claim 1, the expression "ends" has been replaced by "semi-belts" for better understanding and consistency. As disclosed on page 5, line 17, the terms "ends" and "semi-belts" are interchangeable.

The Office Action also stated that it was unclear if the applicant intends to positively recite small perforations as part of the overlapped layers. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "at least one of the semi-belts features a dense regular series of small projections which perforate the overlapped layers of the semi-belts". This amended claim positively recites the projections which perforate the overlapped layers and removes the function of "being capable".

It is submitted that all elements have a sufficient antecedent basis and the claim has been clarified. Accordingly, allowance of claim 1 and claims 2-5 dependent therefrom is respectfully requested.

It appears that all matters have been addressed satisfactorily, and that the case is now in condition for a complete allowance; and the same is respectfully urged.

However, if the Examiner has any comments or questions, or has any suggestions as per MPEP 707.07 (d) and (j), for putting the case in condition for final allowance, he is respectfully

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urged to contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number below, so that an expeditious resolution may be effected and the case passed to issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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